ENERGY IMPACT ILLINOIS Program Implementation and Oversight

Implementation Agency: Center for Neighborhood Technology Program start: November 2010 Dollars Committed: \$1,899,735

CNT Energy is a creative think-and-do tank that combines rigorous research with effective solutions. CNT Energy concentrates on helping consumers and communities obtain the information and services they need to control energy costs and become more energy efficient. They use cutting edge localized programs and research in the areas of dynamic electricity pricing, building performance, and regional energy planning. CNT Energy is a division of the Center for Neighborhood Technology.

Project Purpose: CNT coordinates, integrates and implements all key elements of the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program. CNT is directly responsible for tasks including but not limited to: program development and strategic planning, project management and execution, day-to-day communication with all grant sub-recipients, project reporting, compliance and monitoring of sub-recipients, and compliance with all federal regulations in accordance with the Better Buildings Neighborhood Program.

Scope of Work: CNT is responsible for integrating and overseeing multiple activities and tasks included in the EI2 program. These activities fall within four categories:

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act compliance and reporting, including general program implementation.
- Increasing access to information.
- Increasing access to capital.
- Increasing access to a trained workforce.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Timely and efficient expenditure of all EI2 program funds spending.
- Provision of technical expertise in the development of financing products, building a comprehensive information system, and in aligning workforce strategies.
- Ensure that all grant sub-recipients are in compliance with ARRA guidelines and that reporting requirements are met.
- Sub-recipient data collection and compliance coordination for all Better Buildings and ARRA requirements, as provided in guidance by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Development and maintenance of relationships with key stakeholders and regional partners to maximize retrofit implementation potential.
- Development and deployment a system for tracking and verification of building retrofits.
- Development and deployment of a customer service mechanism that tracks and resolves consumer issues.